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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

REMARKS

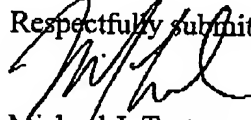
In response to the non-final Office Action mailed November 29, 2005, the Attorney for the Assignee submits the appended amendments and remarks. Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1-25 will be pending in the present application. Claim 14 has been amended and new claims 21-25 have been added. No new matter has been added. The Applicants kindly request allowance of the pending claims.

As stated above, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-9 and 11-20, for prosecution at this time and withdraw claim 10 with traverse. Applicants believe that searching claim 10 will present the Examiner with no undue burden as claim 10 is directed to the same problem as the subject matter of the presently elected claims – providing stability for a film transport system when used with a wide range of film roll sizes. Moreover, claim 21, which is dependent on and examinable with claim 1 and recites the features recited in claim 10, shows that the features of claim 1 and claim 10 can be combined. Since the Examiner will have to search the features of claim 21 to examine the invention of Group I, there is no undue search and examination burden imposed by the presence of claim 10. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the restriction requirement. If the restriction requirement is not withdrawn, then the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner rejoin non-elected claim 10 when allowable subject matter is indicated.

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CONCLUSION

The Applicants believes that the present application is in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance should be timely issued. If the Examiner believes that there are any issues that can be resolved by a telephone conference, or that there are any informalities that can be corrected by an amendment, please phone the undersigned at 404-815-6061.

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